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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METHOD FOR MAKING A
MAT AND RESULTING
PRODUCTS :

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 17-21 as follows:

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17. (Twice Amended) A mat comprising:

at least one first layer of at least one strand formed of filaments; and

at least one second layer of at least one strand formed of filaments that are at least partly opened,

wherein said at least one first layer is superposed on said at least one second layer.

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